

RED CREEK RANCH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 19, 2011

I. Call to order:

Sue Potter called to order the regular meeting of the Red Creek Ranch-Newton Board of Directors at 6:10 p.m. on April 19, 2011 at 1918 Newton Road, Pueblo, CO 81005.

II. Roll call: Sue Potter conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Sue Potter, president; Alan Lucas, vice president; Gabe Trapani, treasurer; Ingrid Mass, secretary; Joe Pothier, member at large; Janna Webster, member of grazing committee.

III. Open issues:

Discussion:

Motion:

<p>1.0 Meeting called to order</p> <p>1.1 Janna Webster – grazing committee</p> <p>1.2 Old news & open items-how to proceed in trespass issue in light of recent occurrences.</p>	<p>1.1 Janna Webster was invited by Sue to voice her concerns regarding the progress of the grazing committee. There seemed to have been a rumor that the decisions affecting the grazing lease had already been determined. At the last GL meeting the # of cattle pairs was determined to be around 30. Gabe explained that the meeting with the USDA was not until Monday, April 27th and all of the GL committee members were invited to join the meeting including Dwight and Todd. Items to be discussed at the meeting include: Number of cattle pairs, location of water tanks, location of salt licks and fly control. Sue is contacting GL members to make the USDA meeting open to those interested. Also, Gabe and Onica are taking a class to better understand the stewardship and environmental impact on the ranch.</p> <p>The USDA has been invited to advise the ranch on matters concerning cattle grazing. Beginning this year, the USDA will generate a report regarding the physical environment of the ranch, i.e. grasses, water levels, etc. We will keep track of the changes from year to year. This will allow us to better estimate the number of cattle that the ranch can comfortably sustain without threat of overgrazing.</p> <p>1.2 Discussion regarding the Schmidt/trespass issues. Joe Pothier reports on the unfortunate occurrence of Schmidt's horses being off her property and two days old newborn foals being abandoned by their mares. One foal was taken home by Jeff and Ingrid and later died. The</p>	<p>1.1 Motion to invite all of the members of the grazing committee to attend the USDA meeting. Seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>1.2 Motion and second to pursue Schmidt legally and civilly regarding trespass. Approved unanimously.</p>

	<p>other foal left with the herd and was presumed safe. However it was lost and probably coyote feed. Jeff and Joe met with animal control and Joe had pictures of all the Schmidt's horses off her property and the foals lying abandoned on the ground. Animal control officer went to Paula Schmidt's home and showed her the pictures, after she claimed on Sunday that her mares had not given birth.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the steps to take to resolve the trespass issue. With pictures as proof that the horses were grazing on ranch land and witnesses willing to sign affidavits, the board decided to pursue the trespass issue vigorously. Board to contact Linda McMillan and brand inspector.</p>	
<p>2.0 Treasurers report- balance sheet 2.1 Creation of reserve fund on Quick Books.</p>	<p>2.0 Gabe discussed the current month statement of cash flow, deposit detail, accts receivable. Gabe also produced baggy of remaining petty cash with itemized receipts.</p> <p>List of delinquent accounts was sent to collection agency with all necessary documentation.</p> <p>Invoice - Mike Williams-excavating. Purchase order accompanied work order approved by board via e-mail.</p> <p>2.1 For tax purposes the board created a reserve fund account in Quick Books. The "Opening Balance Equity" is hereby renamed "Reserve Fund Account."</p>	<p>2.0 Motion to accept treasurer's report as is. Seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>2.1 Motion, second, approved unanimously.</p>
<p>3.0 Grazing lease - USDA 3.1 Grazing maps</p>	<p>3.0 Discussion of loose ends needing to be dealt with before the execution of the grazing lease.</p> <p>There is a question of how much cattle actually eat in a day's time depending on their body weight. A cow/calf animal unit weighs about 1,300 pounds. A steer weighs about 1,600 pounds. For tracking purposes as mentioned earlier, this data can possibly be an important factor in ranch grazing capacity. We are asking Dwight for an itemized list of animals that are going to be on the ranch.</p> <p>The board discussed the pros and cons of a three-year grazing lease. All to give their opinions at next meeting.</p> <p>3.1 Gabe is in the process of refining the ranch maps to include grazing areas, location of water tanks and their range; also agricultural and residential acreage.</p>	<p>3.0 Motion to pay for Gabe and Onica's informative agricultural/ranch stewardship class at a cost of \$15.00 per couple. Second and approved unanimously</p>

<p>4.0 Roads- Road Committee</p>	<p>4.0 Discussion of committees on the ranch. The board discusses that ultimately we are responsible for the success and/or failure of ranch issues. After getting some much-needed moisture the board contacted Mike Williams to grade.</p> <p>As previously stated in the March meeting minutes, there seems to be a serious lack of communication between the board and the members of the road committee. Items that were approved by the board were not purchased.</p> <p>RC was given a budget in January to come up with a plan for road maintenance in 2011. Also, the lack of communication during the snow plow event, has led the board to believe that there seems to be a general lack of interest and no one willing to take charge.</p> <p>Board is planning to devote a large chunk of time of May's meeting to road issues.</p> <p>There were 2 demonstrations of drag gadgets seen by board members. After some discussion the board doesn't have enough information to decide on a purchase.</p> <p>Ingrid to contact insurance company to confirm terms of liability for voluntary or compensated HO's. Also, ranch owned equipment-liability?</p>	<p>4.0 Motion to disband road committee due to no contact and lack of interest.</p> <p>No second.</p> <p>Vote postponed until May meeting.</p>
<p>5.0 Front Entrance</p>	<p>5.0 Largely due to the weather the front entrance was postponed until now. Planning has resumed including an itemized list of costs of materials.</p>	

IV. Adjournment

Susan Potter adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm. Minutes submitted by: Ingrid Mass

Minutes approved by: